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TAGS: CARR, PINT, SHUM, NU (CHARITON, ARTHUR HARRY)

SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT CONTINUE; CHARITON'S
MEDICAL CONDITION UPON ENTERING HOSPITAL

REF: (A) MANAGUA 2001; (B) MANAGUA 1969; (C) MANAGUA 1995

1. CONSUL MET WITH CHARITON AND HIS LOCAL ATTORNEY ZELAYA PAIZ AT
MILITARY HOSPITAL MORNING MAY 2 AT CHARITON'S REQUEST. CHARITON AND
ZELAYA WERE EAGER TO REVIEW DETAILS OF LEVINE'S VISIT AND WERE HOPE-
FUL THAT FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT WOULD SOON BE FORTHCOMING. ZELAYA RE-
PORTED THAT BANCO DE CENTROAMERICA MANAGER LEON DEBAYLE HAD INFORMED
HIM THAT THE BANK'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS WOULD MEET EVENING MAY 2 TO
REVIEW TERMS OF SETTLEMENT AS DISCUSSED WITH LEVINE (SEE REFTEL A).
ACCORDING TO ZELAYA, DEBAYLE HAD PROMISED TO INFORM ZELAYA AND
LEVINE OF OUTCOME ONCE DELIBERATIONS WERE COMPLETED.

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2. DURING VISIT TO MILITARY HOSPITAL CONSUL MET WITH HOSPITAL'S
DIRECTOR, DR. HORACIO CASTELLON, AND INQUIRED AS TO CHARITON'S
PHYSICAL CONDITION UPON HIS ENTRY TO HOSPITAL AFTER REMOVAL FROM
EMBASSY. CASTELLON REPORTED THAT HOSPITAL DOCTORS HAD IMMEDIATELY
EXAMINED CHARITON UPON HIS ENTRY AS HE SHOWED SIGNS OF SEVERE
EMOTIONAL TRAUMA AND HAD EVEN FAINTED DUE TO STRESS. CASTELLON

REPORTED, HOWEVER, THAT CHARITON HAD QUICKLY RECUPERATED AND THAT
OTHER THAN MINOR SCRATCHES AND BRUISES, DOCTORS FOUND NO OTHER SIGNS
OF INJURY. SOLAUN. UNQUOTE VANCE

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